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INTERNET AND CELLULAR SERVICS BY BANGALORE TELECOM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bangalore Telecom propose to start Internet and cellular telephone services in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said services are likely to be started; and

(d) the places covered/proposed to be covered, location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Karnataka Telecom Circle (including Bangalore Telecom District) of BSNLis already an Internet Service Provider. Total number of Internet subscribers of BSNL in Karnataka as on 28.2.2001 is 9151.

As regards cellular services tender has been floated in January 2001 for introduction of Cellular Mobile Services in the country including Karnataka (inclusive of Bangalore).

(c) Internet services are already operational. BSNL Cellular Mobile Services are expected to roll out from December 2001 onwards, in phases.

(d) Internet services of BSNL is available to the Internet subscribers all over the State subject to technical feasibility. The Cellular Mobile Telephone Services are planned for introduction covering all District Headquarters.